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furter. The resignation of Professor Wyman has necessitated a new arrangement of lectures. In the first-year courses, Professor Joseph Warren will assist Professor Williston in the course in Contracts. In the second-year courses, Professor Beale is to conduct the course in Property in place of Mr. Dutch, while Professor Frankfurter will conduct the course in Public Service Companies. In the third-year courses, Professor Scott will treat the subject of Suretyship and Mortgage, while Professor Pound will replace him in the course in Quasi-Contracts.

It is very pleasant to be able to congratulate Professor Austin Wakeman Scott, A.B., LL.B., and Professor Felix Frankfurter, A.B., LL.B., who have been appointed Professors of Law.

THE AMES COMPETITION. — The radical modifications in the structure of the Ames Competition which have been carried into effect in the present second-year class have already justified themselves in the light of increased interest and activity among the law clubs. In the last competition under the old rules, first and second prizes were won by the Kent and Bryce clubs, respectively. The Board of Student Advisers in charge of the competition this year is composed of Chauncey Belknap, Chairman, Montgomery B. Angell, J. Dwight Dana, Paul Y. Davis, John B. Dempsey, Chester A. McLain, T. Brooke Price and Clarence B. Randall.

To this body has fallen the task of reorganizing the competition along lines which were pointed out by last year's Board. It was felt that a plan which wholly eliminated from the competition more than half of the entering clubs by the end of the first round, failed to give any considerable number of men that training in the argument of cases which it was the chief aim of the competition to afford. As the contests progressed, the great majority of men were soon watching the scoreboard rather than playing the game.

A brief outline of the new rules will show how this objection has been overcome. The competition has been divided into two parts, a qualifying tournament in which each second-year club entering will meet six other clubs, and a third-year elimination tournament which preserves the principle of the old competition, but is restricted to a limited number of clubs which have established the best records during the second year. As will be seen, no club is put out of the qualifying tournament by failure to win a case. As the Ames prizes will be given to the winners of the third-year elimination tournament, they will not be awarded this year.

APPLICATION OF THE POLICE POWER IN THE INSURANCE RATE AND PIPE LINE CASES. — More than twenty years ago Mr. Justice Brewer protested against the doctrine of the Granger Cases¹ in the following words: "It seems to me that the country is rapidly travelling the road which leads to the point where all freedom of contract and conduct will be lost."² Two recent cases of far-reaching importance are founded upon an amplification of the principles and reasoning so vigorously de-

¹ *Munn v. Illinois*, 94 U. S. 113; *Budd v. New York*, 143 U. S. 517; *Brass v. North Dakota*, 153 U. S. 391.

² See *Brass v. North Dakota*, 153 U. S. 391, 410.